

Abstract

The Renaissance appearance of the chateau in Častolovice

This thesis will deal with the appearance of the Renaissance chateau in Častolovice at a time when the owners of the estate were Oppersdorfs of Oppersdorf. This family rebuilt the original fortress into the Renaissance chateau. The major reconstruction took place between the years 1588 and 1615 during the possession of Fridrich of Oppersdorf. The thesis is primarily intended to introduce the appearance of the chateau, which had Frederick and his wife Magdalena of Donín built. First it approaches the historical context of the city Častolovice and the genus of Oppersdorf to relation with the chateau at this time. Then it will pursue the architectural development of the chateau during the property of Oppersdorfs. Finally it focuses on the fresco decorations of the courtyard and also marginally preserved parts of the Renaissance interior.

Keywords

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